

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is presented in order to amend the claims in accordance with U.S. grammatical style. The claim amendments are all supported by the application as filed and thus do not add any new matter. Further, the claim amendments, being entirely grammatical in nature, are not believed to affect the scope of applicants' claimed invention.

Applicants submit that all of the claims of the application are believed to be in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due with this Amendment. Should any fee be required, authorization is hereby provided to charge the required amount to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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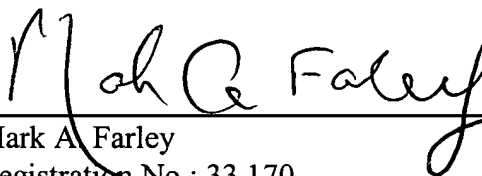


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